



## Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

*'With God's guidance we grow and learn'*

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had another busy week here with lots of exciting learning happening across school in all curriculum areas. It was lovely to see some of the classes completing work linked to the Chinese New Year this week.

The Chinese New Year began on 22nd January. The celebrations involve gifts, fireworks and dragon and lion dances, culminating on the 15th day with a lantern festival. The festival is also celebrated in many other East Asian countries, where it is known as Lunar New Year.

2023 is the Year of the Rabbit. According to Chinese tradition, this year is likely to be calm and gentle, bringing an energy that will help those looking for more of a balanced life.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Vaughan

**Virtue** Our Virtue for the second part of this half-term is 'Love your Neighbour'. Simply put, we love others and serve because we follow the way of Jesus. Jesus tells us with his words in passages such as Matthew 22:39 but also by his actions. Jesus shows us how to love those who are outcast by being with the leper and the one on the edge. He teaches us to love the 'other' and shows us what this looks like.

***"The second is this: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 12:31***

**Weekly Mission** To know that the Beatitudes point us towards the best way to live.

**Reconciliation** Sessions will begin in school on 1<sup>st</sup> February. Letters have been sent home giving further information. Please return any final reply slips on Monday. If you have not received a letter and your child would like to take part, please contact school.

**Children's Liturgy** Children's Liturgy is led by parents from two of our families and will restart at St. Joseph's in Sherburn 9:30am Mass on the first Sunday of each month. The first session will be Sunday 5th February. Please come along!

**Teampoint Winners** This week's winners are the **blue** team with an average of **7.4** points! Well done to everyone in blue team! **Class 4** achieved the highest team point total with a fabulous 352 points collected this week! Well done!

**Online Safety** Please find attached this week's online safety guide focussing on Cyber Resilience. It highlights a number of risks such as how to use a password manager, how to back up your data and how to check for breaches.

**Spring Dates** Please see our website calendar for all dates.

Dates coming up next week:

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Reconciliation sessions begin

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Quick Sticks Hockey Y3/4 – re-arranged from earlier cancellation – letters issued to those attending

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Celebration Assembly (Class 4 parents and carers invited)

**Parents' Evening** will be on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March this term. Invitations to book will be sent out by text message.

**Potential strike action by teachers** You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union are proposing strike action and have announced several dates of action, the first one being 1<sup>st</sup> February. We want to alert you to the possibility that learning may be disrupted on this and future dates. Some of you have understandably asked how this might affect our school in case you need to make alternative arrangements for your children. Unfortunately we are unlikely to be aware of the impact in advance, but we will of course inform you as soon as we possibly can if a class/classes are to be closed.

*Newsletters, Wednesday Word, curriculum letters, other letters and forms are available on the school website.*

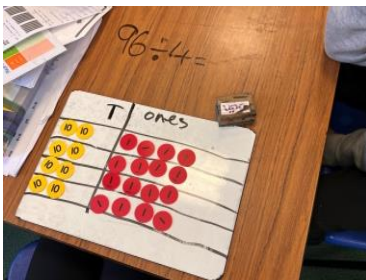


## Let's Celebrate!



In **class 1** this week we have been learning to perform the poem 'Oh Dear' by Michael Rosen. The Year 1 children wrote and performed their own verse.

In **class 2** this week Year 1 children have been learning to double numbers. We used ladybirds to make sure they had the same number of spots on both sides.



This week, in **class 3**, we have been learning how to divide using counters and partitioning numbers. First into tens and ones, then calculations where we had to exchange counters and finally partitioning numbers in different ways. We will then apply this knowledge to learning our division method next week.

In **class 4** we have been working on our Gymnastics skills again this week and have perfected our forward rolls.



In **class 5**, in science, we have been considering and exploring properties of materials. The children planned and carried out their own scientific experiments to see which ball was the bounciest: a ping pong ball, tennis ball or a dodgeball. Our results showed that it depends on how you decide to measure 'bounciness' and which surfaces you use for them to bounce on. We also discussed the physics involved and why the different materials used affected the balls' bounce.

🌀Thank you to Izzie E and Georgie for presenting our Celebration Assembly this week! 🌀

### A huge well done to this week's award winners...

Class 1 Superstar: Evelyn

Class 5 Superstar: Seb

Class 2 Superstar: Teddy

Headteacher award: Noah R

Class 3 Superstar: Isla

Lunchtime award: Tommy

Class 4 Superstar: Francesca

A huge congratulations to this week's Times Table Champion!

Tommy C5

James B C5

Izzy L C5